

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
November 20, 2019

Present:

Board

Joseph H. Secrist, President	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Richard B. Bulman	(R)
Wadella Thomas	(R)
Susan MacKinnon	(D)

Staff

Jeri Cook, Election Director

The monthly meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on November 20, 2019 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Secrist asked if the Board had any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2019, copies of which had been forwarded to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Bulman moved approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Black seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Black moved approval of the agenda as presented. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Election Director's Report

Ms. Cook reported on the following:

- She is working on the updated disaster recovery plan for the Talbot County Board of Elections.
- She and Monae met with several government teachers from St. Michaels Middle and High School and Easton High School to begin the process of encouraging 16- and 17-year-old students to become part of elections. The response was very positive from the teachers. The program for engaging the 14- and 15-year-old students in the page program will be revisited pending issuance of regulations.

- She and Fred participated in a three-day test of the pollbook software upgrade from the state.
- The State Board of Elections approved the Talbot County Board of Elections bylaws October 31, 2019.
- The State Board of Elections approved the use of the bingo hall at Easton Volunteer Firehouse as the early voting center.
- We will be meeting with the county and other agencies on February 10 to discuss the upcoming elections. As many Board Members as possible are asked to attend.
- A meeting with the County Council is tentatively set for December 10. Ms. Cook will reach out to the county to confirm that date.
- Primarily through our Facebook page, we have over 54 interested citizens in becoming election judges.

Board Attorney's Report

Board Attorney Philip Cronan was not in attendance.

Old Business

a. Facilities for Election Board

Ms. Cook reported that there is nothing new to report.

b. Biennial Meeting

Ms. Cook reported that the Biennial had much good information for the staff as well as the board. She noted that those Board Members who were unable to attend the Biennial and did not attend the Sexual Harassment Training must do so. The State Board will be contacting the election offices to make the necessary arrangements.

c. Budget FY2020

Financial statements for the year through October were provided to the Board Members. Ms. Cook responded to questions asked by Board Members. The Monthly Statistical Report and Precinct Voter Counts Report were also distributed to Board Members.

d. Review Invoices

Invoices for the past month were provided to the Board Members. Ms. Cook responded to questions asked by Board Members.

e. County Bulletins

County Bulletins for October 25 and November 8 were provided to the Board Members. Ms. Cook responded to questions asked by Board Members.

f. Bylaws

As reported earlier in the meeting, the bylaws for the Talbot County Board of Elections have been approved by the State Board.

New Business

There was no new business.

Confirmation of next meeting

Mr. Secrist reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

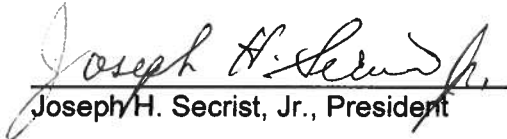
Closed Session

The Board did not meet in Closed Session


Adjournment

Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Attested,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary